

**Rule Development Agenda
July - December 2011**

The Forest Practices Board's mandate is to adopt rules to protect the state's public resources while maintaining a viable forest products industry. The following rule proposals are under development or are anticipated during this time period. There may be additional rule making activity not on the agenda as conditions warrant.

1. **Notice of Forest Practice to Affected Indian Tribes.** The Board may consider rule making at its August meeting to clarify rules that require landowners to meet with tribes when an application involves a cultural resource.
2. **Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan.** The Board will consider rule adoption at its August meeting to amend WAC 222-24-050 and 051 to allow landowners to apply for an extension of the Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan (RMAP) deadline for up to five years.
3. **Bald Eagle/Peregrin Falcon.** The Board may consider rule making at its August meeting that will implement Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission rules that delisted the Bald Eagle and Peregrin Falcon as a state threatened and endangered species.
4. **Forestry Riparian Easement Program.** The Board may consider rule making to amend chapter 222-21 to implement HB 1509 (2011 legislation) that reforms the program by including a definition of a qualifying small forest landowner as a for profit entity and modifying the duties of the small forest landowner office.
5. **WAC 222-16-080 Critical habitats (state) of threatened and endangered species.** The Board may consider rule making to amend WAC 222-16-080 to ensure special wildlife management plans (SWMP) are subject to SEPA review.

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